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Scheduled official meetings

Thursday, 16 October 2003

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 4844th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Morning[1] . . . . . 4845th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 4844th meeting.

General Assembly

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

The first meeting of the open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly, will be held on Friday, 17 October 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. An Informal Note by the President of the General Assembly was faxed to all missions on Wednesday, 15 October 2003 *[Delegations are invited to participate at the ambassadorial level]*.

Tenth emergency special session

The resumed tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly will be held on Monday, 20 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to consider agenda item 5 (Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory) (A/ES-10/242 and A/ES-10/243).

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . . **34th plenary meeting** . . . . . **General Assembly Hall**

3 p.m. . . . . . **35th plenary meeting** . . . . . **General Assembly Hall**

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/58/432) . . . . . [124]

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council: draft resolution (A/58/L.1) . . . . . [12]

3. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [39 (a) and (b)]: *joint debate*

   (a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/254)

      (ii) Note by the Secretary-General on proposed revisions to programme 8 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005: United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (A/58/83)

      (iii) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/58/16, chapter III, section B, programme 8; chapter IV, section B)

   (b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/352)

4. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters . . . . . [56]

5. Report of the Security Council (A/58/2) . . . . . [11]

Main Committees

First Committee

3 p.m. . . . . . **10th meeting** . . . . . **Conference Room 4**

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62 to 80): *item 62* (A/58/202); *item 63* (A/58/128); *item 64* (A/58/29); *item 65*; *item 66*; *item 67*; *item 68*; *item 69* (A/58/373); *item 70* (A/58/137, A/58/137 (Part II)); *item 71*; *item 72*; *item 73* (A/58/117, A/58/117/Add.1, A/58/117/Add.2, A/58/129, A/58/129/Add.1, A/58/130, A/58/138, A/58/162, A/58/162/Add.1, A/58/176, A/58/176/Add.1, A/58/207, A/58/208, A/58/208/Add.1, A/58/406, A/58/848, A/C.1/58/4, A/C.1/58/L.1, A/C.1/58/L.2); *item 74* (A/58/122, A/58/139, A/58/177, A/58/190, A/58/203, A/58/274); *item 75* (A/58/27, A/58/42, A/58/259, A/58/316); *item 76* (A/58/259, A/58/137 (Part II)); *item 77* (A/58/163); *item 78* (A/58/132, A/58/132/Add.1 and A/58/132/Add.2); *item 79* (A/58/385); and *item 80* (other documents: A/C.1/58/1, A/C.1/58/2, A/C.1/58/3 and A/C.1/58/INF.1)

Speakers:

Bulgaria

Haiti

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal exchange of views on the methods of work of the First Committee

[1] Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the First Committee.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [19]

2. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [85]

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 12th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m. . . . . 13th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Environment and sustainable development (A/58/25 and A/58/204) . . . . . [94]

(a) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (A/58/164)

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (A/58/158)

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/58/191)

(e) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (A/58/277)

(f) Protection of the Global Climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/58/308)

(g) Sustainable mountain development (A/58/134)

Introduction and general discussion

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 13th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . 14th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women (A/58/3[1], A/58/38 (Supplement No. 38), A/58/161, A/58/167, A/58/167/Add.1, A/58/168, A/58/169, A/58/374, A/58/341 and A/58/417) . . . . [110]

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (A/58/3[1] and A/58/166) [111]

Continuation of general discussion

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m . . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/58/5/Add.5, A/58/114, A/58/97, A/58/97/Add.1 and A/58/384))

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: report of the Joint Inspection Unit on United Nations system revenue-producing activities (A/57/707, A/57/707/Add.1, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1, Chap. II, 1S 3.18.19))

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Joint Inspection Unit on reforming the Field Service category of personnel in United Nations peace operations (A/57/78, A/57/78/Add.1 and A/57/434, paras. 2-4)) and report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on audit of the establishment and management of mission subsistence allowance rates (A/56/648))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Pattern of conferences (A/58/32, A/58/194, A/58/194/Corr.1, A/58/194/Corr.2, A/58/213, A/57/783, A/57/809, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.1))

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [agenda item 104 (b)]
(29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

All delegations wishing to participate, including those already inscribed, in any of eight ministerial-level round tables, to be held on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe the name of the participating Minister or the Head of delegation on the list of participants in round tables on the following themes:

Round tables 1 and 2 (morning): *"Regional dimensions of the implementation of the results of the International Conference on Financing for Development"*

Round tables 3 and 4 (morning): *"Coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development"*

Round tables 5 and 6 (afternoon): *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration"*

Round tables 7 and 8 (afternoon): *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the promotion of sustainable development, sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty with a view to achieving an equitable global economic system"*.

Delegations are reminded that the list of participants in the round tables will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, and that each round table may have a maximum of 7 participants from African States, 7 participants from Asian States, 3 participants from Eastern European States, 5 participants from Latin American and Caribbean States and 4 participants from Western European and other States. Member States that are not members of any regional group may participate in the round tables.

Inscriptions by institutional and non-institutional stakeholders

Each round table will also include the following accredited participants: 5 representatives of observers in the General Assembly, entities of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations other than observers; 3 representatives of civil society; and 3 representatives of the private sector. Their distribution in the round tables will follow the practice used in the International Conference on Financing for Development. For information and inscriptions, please contact the Financing for Development Office (e-mail ffdoffice@un.org; Web site www.un.org/esa/ffd).

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

3–6 p.m. . . . . 219th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Consideration and adoption of the draft report of the Committee
2. Other matters

Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 3

Other meetings

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Thursday, 16 October 2003

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution on the implementation of the world programme of action concerning disabled persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century (agenda item 106) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Phillippines)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Mason Group *(on First Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Iceland)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Briefing for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on the informal consultations of the First Committee on its methods of work

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (agenda item 108) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the global road safety crisis (organized by the Permanent Mission of Oman)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Enhancing capacity-building of global public health" (organized by the Permanent Mission of China)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (item 117 (a)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark)

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Open-ended consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Women and political participation" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 *(on Second Committees matters)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Iceland)

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Chamber

Second United Nations Coordination Meeting on International Migration

The Second United Nations Coordination Meeting on International Migration, organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will continue *today*, 16 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5, and from 3 to 6 p.m., in a conference room to be announced. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. An information note, programme of work and papers submitted are available on the following Web site: www.unpopulation.org. For further information, please contact the office of Mr. Joseph Chamie, Director, Population Division (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179).

Briefing by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity

There will be a briefing, for all interested members of delegations and representatives of non-governmental organizations, by Dr. Hamdallah Zedan, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, on the latest developments on the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol (11 September 2003) and for an update on the preparations for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Malaysia, 9-20 February 2004) and on the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Malaysia, 23-27 February 2004). The briefing will be held *today*, 16 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Briefing by the Management Committee of the Special Court for Sierra Leone

There will be a briefing by the Management Committee of the Special Court for Sierra Leone for members of the Group of Interested States for the Special Court and other interested delegations, *today*, 16 October 2003, from 2 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

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Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Dileep Nair, Under-Secretary-General for Oversight Services (to present the annual report of the Office of the Internal Oversight Services (A/58/364))

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held on Friday, 17 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Second Committee

Panel discussion

As part of the work of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly in the economic and social fields, there will be a panel discussion on "Microcredit, Poverty Eradication and the Empowerment of Women", organized by the Department for Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 23 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will include H.E. Mrs. María Eugenia Brizuela de Ávila, Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador; Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; Mr. Rupert Scofield, Executive Director of the Foundation for International Community Assistance (FINCA); Mr. Normand Lauzon, Executive Director of United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF); and Mr. René Azokli, Managing Director of PADME.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2003

There will be a meeting of the resumed substantive session 2003, on Friday, 31 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council, on the following outstanding matters before the resumed substantive session 2003:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/2003/104 and E/2003/105[1]) [1]

   Elections[2]:

   Commission on Science and Technology for Development

   Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

   United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/2003/L.3/Add.13)

   Committee for the United Nations Population Award

   Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

   Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

   International Narcotics Control Board (E/2003/L.3/Add.12)

2. Regional cooperation (E/2003/15/Add.2)[1] . . . . . [10]

3. Economic and environmental questions. . . . . [13]

   (h) International cooperation in tax matters

   (i) United Nations Forum on Forests (E/2003/42)

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[1] To be issued.

[2] For additional information on elections, please contact Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic Ideal (agenda item 23) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Greece)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal (agenda item 23), organized by the Permanent Mission of Greece, on Friday, 17 October 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, on Friday, 17 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46) (Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46) (Second Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Friday, 17 October, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room C.

Panel discussion on NPT States parties reporting (First Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

A panel discussion on NPT States parties reporting (First Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, will take place on Friday, 17 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.15 in Conference Room 6. All NPT States parties are invited to attend.

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Friday, 17 October 2003, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Briefing on UNCTAD new technical cooperation programme

The New York Office of UNCTAD will hold a briefing on its new technical cooperation programme on Friday, 17 October 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

World Bank seminar on "A Dialogue on Development and Communication"

There will be a seminar on "A Dialogue on Development and Communication", organized by the World Bank, on Friday, 17 October 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. A presentation will be made by Dr. Ian Goldin, Vice-President for External Affairs and United Nations Affairs, World Bank. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office of the Special Representative to the United Nations, World Bank (tel. 1 (212) 355-5112; fax 1 (212) 355-4523).

Open-ended consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Women and political participation" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Women and Political Participation", organized by the United States Mission, on Friday, 17 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* on 21 and 28 October 2003 from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Presentation of the results of evaluations on bilateral participation in PRSP processes

There will be a presentation of the results of evaluations on bilateral participation in Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP) processes, organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany and Switzerland, on Tuesday, 21 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room B. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Panel discussion on international cooperation in tax matters

There will be a panel discussion on international cooperation in tax matters, organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Tuesday, 21 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Abdel H. Bouab, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8406); or Mr. Masa Ohyama (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695).

Pacific Islands Forum: Working Group on Oceans *(Sixth Committee experts)*

The Working Group on Oceans of the Pacific Islands Forum *(Sixth Committee experts* will hold a meeting on Wednesday, 22 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Symposia on population and development

The Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations are jointly organizing four symposia, to be held at Headquarters, as follows:

Symposium I on "Population and the Millennium Development Goals": Wednesday, 22 October 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m, in a conference room to be announced;

Symposium II on "Family Planning, Reproductive Health and Development": Monday, 3 November, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium;

Symposium III on "Empowerment of Women": Monday, 10 November, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS": Wednesday, 19 November, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

Panel discussion on microcredit

There will be a panel discussion on microcredit, co-organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Microcredit Summit Campaign, on the occasion of the release of the *State of the Microcredit Summit Campaign Report*, on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 1 to 2.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 October 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the NAM Caucus Room.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 15 October 2003

Security Council

4843rd meeting

The situation in Timor-Leste

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (S/2003/944)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Kamalesh Sharma, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Timor-Leste and Head of Mission.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Sharma.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Bulgaria, Pakistan, Spain, France, Germany, Angola, Guinea, the Russian Federation, Chile, the United Kingdom, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cameroon and Mexico, and by the President, in his capacity as the representative of the United States.

The Council heard statements made by the representatives of Timor-Leste, Portugal, Philippines, Australia, Italy (on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, the associated countries of Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, which aligned themselves with the statement), Singapore, Japan, India, Malaysia and New Zealand.

Mr. Sharma made a further statement.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

32nd plenary meeting

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(b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/352)

The General Assembly decided to hear a statement by the observer of the Holy See in the debate on agenda item 39.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Leonardo Santos Simão, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique (on behalf of the African Union), as well as by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Norway, Egypt, Algeria, Burkina Faso, the Russian Federation, France, the United States, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Guyana, Angola and Cuba.

Programme of work

The General Assembly decided to hear statements by the observer of the Holy See in the debates on agenda items 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disasters relief assistance of the United nations, including special economic assistance), 44 (Culture of peace) and 48 (Fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights).

33rd plenary meeting

New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support . . . . . [39]

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The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 39 and its sub-items (a) and (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the group 77 and China), India, Ukraine, Brazil, the Republic of Korea and Myanmar, as well as by H.E. The Honourable Saidu Balarabe Samaila, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, and the representatives of Israel, Lesotho, Botswana, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Tunisia, Jamaica and Gabon.

Main Committees

First Committee

9th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of India, Israel, Tunisia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Armenia, Colombia, Malawi, Guinea, Yemen, the Dominican Republic, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Georgia and the Congo.

Right of reply

In the exercise of the right of reply, the representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement.

A statement was made by the Chairman of the Committee.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

8th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [85]

The Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day, at 6 p.m.

Second Committee

11th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation . . . . . [93]

(d) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item and heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Development Policy Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Lebanon.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under the item was Thursday, 16 October, at 1 p.m.

Third Committee

11th–12th meetings

The summary of the 11th and 12th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/200).

Fifth Committee

6th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/58/11, A/58/63, A/56/767 and A/58/189) . . . . . [124]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cuba, Bahrain, Switzerland, the United States, Trinidad and Tobago, Kuwait, Ukraine, India, Argentina, Guyana and Qatar.

The representative of Colombia also made a statement.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions and the Chief of the Contributions Service, Department of Management, replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Wednesday, 15 October, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of H.E. Ms. Inga Eriksson Fogh (Sweden).

Organization of work

The Chairman also made a statement.

Sixth Committee

6th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [156]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 156.

The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996 and of the Working Group on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/27 of 19 November 2002 introduced the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the work of its seventh session (A/58/37 and A/58/37/Corr.1) and of the Working Group (A/C.6/58/L.10).

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), Venezuela, the United Arab Emirates, Cuba, Singapore, the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Conference), Switzerland, India, Bahrain, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Uganda, Italy (on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries – Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries – Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey and the EFTA country, member of the European Economic Area, Liechtenstein), the Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Turkey, Pakistan and Ecuador.

The Committee decided to continue its debate on this agenda item on Friday, 17 October 2003.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Preparatory Committee for UNCTAD XI
First session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Wednesday, 15 October 2003

1st meeting

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD made a presentation.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following countries: Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Zimbabwe (on behalf of the African Group), Oman (on behalf of the Asian Group and China), Barbados (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Benin (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Bangladesh, Japan, Nepal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China and Switzerland.

The Preparatory Committee took a number of decisions on the organization of its work and on the future schedule of meetings.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Notification pursuant to article 18 (13): Ecuador (7 October 2003)[1]

International Convention on Maritime Liens and Mortgages, 1993. Geneva, 6 May 1993

Accession: Syrian Arab Republic (8 October 2003)[1]

International Cocoa Agreement, 2001. Geneva, 2 March 2001

Accession: Ecuador (13 October 2003)[1]

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Poland (14 October 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Water for Life: Fresh Perspectives on the World's Water Crisis". The briefing will be held on *today*, 16 October 2003, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefing will feature Mr. Xolisa Mfundiso Mabhongo, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations; Ms. Marcia Brewster, Senior Economic Adviser, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; and Mr. John Todd, Co-founder, Water Stewards Inc. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Ceremony on the occasion of 2003 World Food Day on the theme "Working together for an international alliance against hunger"

There will be a special ceremony on the occasion of the 2003 World Food Day on the theme "Working together for an international alliance against hunger", organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), on Friday 17 October 2003, at 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, United Nations agencies and organizations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the FAO Liaison Office to the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-6036 or 963-6319).

Ceremony on the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

On the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, a commemoration, organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the International Movement ATD Fourth World, will take place on Friday, 17 October 2003, from 10.30 to 11.45 a.m. in the United Nations Garden. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, will deliver the Secretary-General's message for the occasion. Members of permanent missions, United Nations agencies and organizations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Felice Llamas, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-2924); or Mr. Rolando Gómez, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-2744).

Web sites

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

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A/C.4/58/INF/2 — Membership of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S (multilingual)]

Second Committee

A/C.2/58/3 — Items 91 (c) and (f) — Macroeconomic policy questions: specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries; outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation — Letter dated 2 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/58/L.12 — Item 106 — Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family — Benin: amendments to the draft resolution recommended by the Economic and Social Council (A/C.3/58/L.2) — "Preparations for the observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004" [A C E F R S]

Sixth Committee

A/C.6/58/L.10 — Item 156 — Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Report of the Working Group [A C E F R S]

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S/2003/990 — Item 5 — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory — Identical letters dated 13 October 2003 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Security Council — **Documents**

S/2003/953 — Letter dated 2 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/2003/955 — Letter dated 2 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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S/2003/980 — Guinea, Malaysia, Pakistan and Syrian Arab Republic: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

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